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The Legislature of Virginia met in biennial session at noon on Wednesday and elected the officers nominated in caucus the evening before, the same as the last session with three exceptions, viz: Hon. E. W. Sanders succeeds Hon. Jno. F. Ryan as speaker of the House, Col. Wm. H. Mann will be clerk of the House, in place of Jno. Bell Bigger, deceased, and Mr. Samuel Donald succeeds Dr. W. C. Nunn as doorkeeper of the Senate. The election of United States Senator and of the basement officers will next engage the attention of the members and the result in either case is not hard to predict. Hon. Thomas Martin will succeed himself and will name the other officers if he desires to do so, and the probabilities are that he will, when last heard from he was at the State Capitol, instead of being in Washington, where his duties as United States Senator would call him if he was less interested in himself and more in the affairs of the people, whom he is supposed to represent. These labors ended, and the Boss satisfied, the presumption is that our legislators will get down to work, and it is to be hoped, will be able to give good account of themselves before the session closes. That it will be a working body seems to be indicated by bills already introduced but whether its efforts will be in the right direction remains to be seen. The following, according to the Richmond Dispatch, will be some of the most important subjects upon which there will be attempts to secure legislation: Reduction of criminal expenses. Restriction of suffrage. Enlargement of the penitentiary. Use of money in elections. Trusts. Senatorial primary. Taxation on fertilizers. Greater usefulness of State Library. Abolition of office of Register of Land Office. Liability of railroads for injuries to employees. Amendments to oyster law.

The message of Governor Tyler to the General Assembly is an interesting document but too lengthy for publication in this paper. In it he discusses the finances of the State, suggests an amendment to the "land grabbers' act," says in regard to trusts that "the powers which the Legislature possesses should be most zealously guarded and most conservatively used," that elections should be above suspicion and suggests effective legislation in that direction. He favors senatorial primaries and concludes by recommending the call of a constitutional convention. In regard to the Fish Commission provided for by the last Legislature, the Governor says in part: "I refer with pleasure to the report of this board and to the fact that instead of being a burden to the State the oyster fields yielded the first year under this new system the handsome sum of \$54,000, more than \$34,000 of which was clear profit, and for the first 18 months, ended September 31, 1899. There should be encouragement in such a showing. The great aim of the State should be to preserve the natural beds whence comes our supply of seed oysters and to encourage planting."

Hon. William Shands is in the hands of a committee of the Legislature of Virginia which was selected to pass upon his democracy and decide whether it was good enough to admit him to the democratic caucus of that body. The Democratic State Executive Committee has decided that his democracy was not the simple majority say, that it is up to a large majority to decide whether the standard in every particular. If the caucus decides that he is to be admitted to its councils the Executive Committee will be offended by its action, if it refuses him admission the democrats, who elected him in defiance of the Committee, cannot but feel aggrieved by the decision. Such the dilemma, and the decision will be looked for with interest.

Governor Tyler will not be the next United States Senator from Virginia, but it is gratifying to note, that, undismayed by the defeat which awaits him, he will go down with his colors flying. He will allow his name to be submitted to the democratic caucus and it is right that he should. In his defeat he will be more honored by the people of Virginia for the fight which he made for them than will be his successful competitor, and that he will have his reward eventually in the triumph of the principles for which he contended, there can be no question. Bossism in Virginia cannot last and Governor Tyler will be remembered as the leader of the movement against it.

The end of the war in the Philippines is not in sight yet despite the assurances of the expansionists of late, "that the rebellion would be stamped out in a few days." Aguinaldo instead of being caught, as was predicted, or being willing to surrender, as was reported, has still according to latest advices, an army of 20,000 to 30,000 and is as defiant as ever.

The Oyster Question.

Senator Kaezel, of Rockingham county, a member of the State Board of Fisheries, is quoted by the Richmond Dispatch as follows:

"I have no doubt a syndicate would like to get the Virginia oyster beds. They are very valuable. But you must always bear in mind that the future of the oyster rock in Virginia depends upon the people of Tide water themselves. If they go ahead and help make the oyster industry bear its just share of burdens and yield its just share of revenue, there will be no talk of sale. But I'll tell you one thing: There has got to be less anti-planter legislation, and more looking to putting upon the tongs their share of taxation. Heretofore nearly every law on the subject seems to have been aimed at the planter, while the tongs get all they want. At present tongs can only be taxed 40 cents on the \$100 worth of oysters taken. I am not sure the Legislature will not vote to submit to the people the amendment to the Constitution adopted last winter repealing that section which forbade the imposition of a tax on the oyster, other than the State tax we all pay."

The chief defect that has been discovered in the Virginia oyster law is lack of provision for setting forth to public view what planning grounds have been taken up and by whom. This information would be valuable to all the officers charged with the enforcement of the law. It has been suggested that that defect could be cured by an enactment providing for mapping out the leased grounds in each county, so as to show each man's holdings—this map to be posted in the conspicuous place in the court-house. Of course this plan involves a considerable expense but we are told that it would prove a profitable investment for the best protection the public could have against any one's taking up more ground than he pays for, and it would be a standing advertisement to those who are looking out for unoccupied oyster grounds.

The Life Saving Service.

The annual report of the general superintendent of the Life Saving Service states that at the close of the year the establishment embraced 265 stations, 193 being on the Atlantic and Gulf coasts, 53 on the Great Lakes, 13 on the Pacific, and 1 at the Falls of the Ohio, Louisville, Ky. Disasters to documented vessels within the field of the operations of the service during the year, 423. On board these vessels, 2,905 persons, of whom 3,847 were saved and 56 lost; estimated value of vessels involved, \$5,072,635, and of their cargoes, \$2,032,005; total value of property imperiled, \$7,104,640. Of this amount \$6,161,909 saved, and \$1,842,740 lost. Seven hundred and fifty-one shipwrecked persons received succor at the stations, to whom 1,490 days' relief in the aggregate was afforded. Number of vessels totally lost, 72. In addition to the foregoing, there were during the year, 294 casualties to small craft, such as small yachts, sail boats, rowboats, etc., on board of which there were 671 persons, 664 of whom were saved and 7 lost; property involved in these instances is estimated at \$128,553, of which \$129,285 was saved and \$9,250 lost. Of the 63 persons who perished, 44 were lost in one district, the Second on the coast of Massachusetts, and 40 of these in one storm, the almost unprecedented tempest of Nov. 26 and 27, 1898. One-half of this latter number were on board of vessels which were destroyed on outlying rocks and shoals, where they could not be seen. The entire loss of life in all the other districts was only 19. These, with the 4 lost in the Second District, aside from those who perished in the Nov. hurricane, make a total loss of 23, which number falls considerably below the average annual loss of all the districts in recent years. Besides the number of persons saved from vessels of all kinds, there were 72 others rescued who had fallen from wharves, piers, etc., the most of whom would have perished but for the aid of the life-saving crews. The crews saved and assisted in saving during the year 387 vessels, valued, with their cargoes, at \$3,988,355, and rendered assistance of minor importance to the other vessels in distress, besides warning from danger by the signals of the patrolmen, 193 vessels. The number of lives and amount of property saved under these warnings is, of course, undeterminable.

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